

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Renewal of Mining Lease for diversion of 1174.18 ha. (by reducing from 2338 ha. actually approved in 1999) for Kothagudem Mining Lease in favour of SCCL -Permission accorded-Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 18

Dated: 23-1-2010

Read the following:-

1. From Prl.CCF. Hyd.Lr.No 50975/2007-F1, Dated: 27-6-2008.
2. State Government letter No.5341 /For.I (1)/2008-1, Dated: 25-8-2008.
3. From GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.8-277/85-FC, dt. 17-2-2009.
4. State Govt.Lr.No.5341/For.I(1)/2008-3, EFS&T Dept.dt.29-12-2009.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980 for renewal of Mining Lease for diversion of 1174.18 ha. (by reducing from 2338 ha. actually approved in 1999) for Kothagudem Mining Lease in favour of SCCL and requested to forward the same to Government of India for their approval.

2. The above proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under section-2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980 vide letter 2nd read above.
3. The Government of India in their letter 3rd read above have conveyed their approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of Mining Lease for diversion of 1174.18 ha. (by reducing from 2338 ha. actually approved in 1999) for Kothagudem Mining Lease in favour of SCCL in Kothagudem Forest Division of Khammam District subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein. A compliance report has been sent to GOI, vide reference 4th read above.
4. The Government after careful consideration of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad, for renewal of Mining Lease for diversion of 1174.18 ha. (by reducing from 2338 ha. actually approved in 1999) for Kothagudem Mining Lease in favour of SCCL subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
 - 2) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the forest area proposed for renewal to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 in this regard.
 - 3) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted additional forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
 - 4) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to Account No. 344901010070128 of Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi – 110003.

- 5) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area as well as within 100 Meter radius from the lease area inside RF if density is lesser than 0.4 and maintain it till the life of the project, in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- 6) The User Agency shall raise and maintain the Afforestation including enrichment plantation over surface area.
- 7) The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.
- 8) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.
- 9) No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
- 10) Reclamation Plan shall be strictly implemented which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department / Regional Office, Bangalore.
- 11) It shall be ensured that no labour camps are set up inside the forest area.
- 12) The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
- 13) The User Agency shall take up the de-silting of the village tanks within five Km area from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks whenever required.
- 14) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 15) Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore / State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad .

Copy to:

The Inspector General of Forests, Government of India,
Ministry of Environment and Forests,
Parivarjan Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Government of India,
Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore.
The Singareni Colleries Company Limited, Hyderabad.

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